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REP. THOMAS MASSIE: EXCLUSIVE TNA VIDEO INTERVIEW and the "One Big Beautiful Bill"

What's not to love about President Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill"? Plenty, as Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), explains in a wide-ranging interview with *The New American's* Christian Gomez that we posted on May 21. Representative Massie, who has been one of the staunchest constitutionalists (Freedom Index score 99 percent) in Congress since coming to the House in 2013, details many of the *ugly* features of the bill that he says betray the promises that he, President Trump, and Republican members of Congress made to voters in last year's elections — promises such as slashing federal spending, cutting taxes, reducing the national debt, shrinking Big Government, and much more. However, Massie notes, House Speaker Mike Johnson and the GOP leadership have gone back to business as usual. They have caved in to the lobbyists and created a smoke-and-mirrors bill that claims to cut taxes and spending but, in reality it is front-loaded with hundreds of billions of dollars in *real* tax exemptions and corporate subsidies over the next five years and *promised* reductions over the following five years — *after* the 2026 and 2028 elections, *if ever*!

It's the J. Wellington Wimpy routine, for which politicians of all persuasions are notorious. If you've ever seen the old *Popeye* cartoons, you might recall Wimpy's famous line: "I'd gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today." Of course, the ravenous burger glutton invariably welches on his comestible debts. That's what the politicians — Republicans and Democrats — are pulling. And Popeye, the good-natured sucker, invariably yields to Wimpy's pathetic supplications. But taxpayers are fed up with playing the Popeye role. The big question is whether there are enough members of Congress like Thomas Massie to stop this insanity before this runaway spending pushes us to the *$50 trillion* debt level and the consequent economic devastation it will bring. Will they say, "Sorry, Wimpy, no free burgers today. Tighten your belt"?

Dr. Paul Dishes Ugly Details on the "One Big Beautiful Bill"

The Day of Reckoning for our government's decades of profligate spending is coming as surely as night follows

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day. The exact time and the precise manner in which this dread day will befall us may not be known, but we can be certain that it is barreling toward us with increasing acceleration. According to the Congressional Budget Office, in 2023 we paid $659 billion in interest on the national debt. Last year that jumped to *$870 billion*! That's just for *interest*!

CBO Director Phillip Swagel told reporters at a press conference on May 16 that net interest costs are a major contributor to the deficit and "in the coming years, net interest costs are projected to be similar to the amounts of discretionary spending for either defense or non-defense" programs. In other words, we'll be paying as much (or more) to the bond holders of our debt as we pay for our national defense. But don't expect the "sustainability" folks — you know, the AOCs, Klaus Schwabs, and Al Gores who tell us eating meat and driving cars is "unsustainable" — to utter a word about our unsustainable socialist spending spree.

As usual, former Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas) offers common-sense solutions with no sugar coating. His May 19 column, "Cutting Military Spending Would Make for a Big and Beautiful Bill," takes aim at a fat sacred cow. Now, if national defense is one of the few, legitimate, constitutional functions of our national government — and it is — then it follows that we must spend whatever is necessary to safeguard our nation and our liberty. The key word is *necessary*. But that obviously does not mean that every Pentagon program and every military contract is sacrosanct. The DOD has ever been a *huge* sinkhole of waste, fraud, and abuse. Why has there been no DOGE audit of that colossus? (Maybe for the same reason that we have not seen DOGE audits of the Federal Reserve and the CIA? Are there "Off Limits!" signs around these specially protected Deep State entitities?)

But, we digress; let's look at what Dr. Paul has to say:

> Tax cuts are always worth supporting because they advance liberty and sound economics by ensuring the people have more and the government has less. However, tax cuts that are not combined with real spending cuts are delayed tax increases. This is because cutting taxes without cutting spending leads to more debt that leads to higher taxes. These tax increases are likely to come from the Federal Reserve's monetization of debt, which weakens the dollar's purchasing power. This "inflation tax" benefits political and financial elites while hurting most Americans.
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> The reason Republicans are finding it difficult to offset their tax plan in a way that is politically palatable is that they are following exactly the opposite of the politically smart path to cut spending. Instead of starting by cutting welfare for the poor, Republicans should have started by cutting welfare for the rich, particularly the military-industrial complex….

For more of Dr. Paul's analysis see here. — William F. Jasper

Ugly AI Provisions in the "One Big Beautiful Bill"?

Advances in artificial intelligence (AI) are racing onward at a dizzying pace, bringing promise of incredible benefits — and dangers.

"Artificial intelligence is going to cause more upheaval in society over the next few years than perhaps any other technology the world has ever seen," writes Leo Hohmann in a recent Substack post. "But if President Trump's Big Beautiful Budget Bill gets passed in the version preferred by a group of House Republicans, the federal takeover of this technology will be complete, opening up a free-for-all for Big Tech to weaponize it against everyday Americans."

Hohmann continues:

> Buried deep in Trump's bill is a secretly added clause that seeks to usurp the rights of individual states to regulate AI.
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> Republicans in the House Energy and Commerce Committee quietly added the proposed amendment in Section 43201, Subsection C. I say it's secret because it has received almost no media attention.
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> The amendment reads as follows:
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> "No state or political subdivision may enforce any law or regulation regulating artificial intelligence models, artificial intelligence systems, or automated decision systems during the 10-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act."
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> No state regulation of AI for 10 years. This is giving away the farm to the likes of Bill Gates, Larry Ellison, Elon Musk, Sam Altman, Mark Zuckerberg, Saudi Prince Muhammed bin Salman and a host of other technocrats and billionaires investing in this world-changing technology.

The amendment text cited above can be accessed here. Shortcut hint: Using search function (Ctrl-F) type in "Section 43201."

The billionaire AI tech bros of Silicon Valley do seem to be united in pushing for the federal government to preempt the states on AI regulation. "One federal framework, that is light touch, that we can understand and that lets us move with the speed that this moment calls for seems important and fine," Altman told a recent Senate hearing. Does a 10-year federal ban on state regulation of AI sound like a framework that is "light touch"? — William F. Jasper

Argentina: Milei's Party Wins In Key Buenos Aires Elections

Argentina's flamboyant libertarian president continues to rack up both political and economic wins. The Argentine economy is flying high, with the black market on U.S. dollars starting to dissipate as Milei moves to get rid of the hated currency controls that prompted Argentines to keep untold millions in foreign cash — especially U.S. dollars — illegally stashed in mattresses and elsewhere outside of Argentina's official economy. Last month, Milei announced the end of currency controls, leading to some currency volatility but also an upsurge in foreign investment and continued gains in the stock market. Milei has also announced the intention of cutting taxes by 90 percent (no, that's not a typo!), in the process reducing the number of different taxes from 96 to just six. Interestingly, Argentina is cutting tariffs also, betting that the benefits from greater foreign investment will outweigh the loss of revenue. Among taxes already cut are export duties on agricultural products and tariffs on electronics, including electric vehicles.

Taking a page out of Trump's playbook, Argentina has also announced a crackdown on illegal immigration, and will make conditions for immigration more stringent

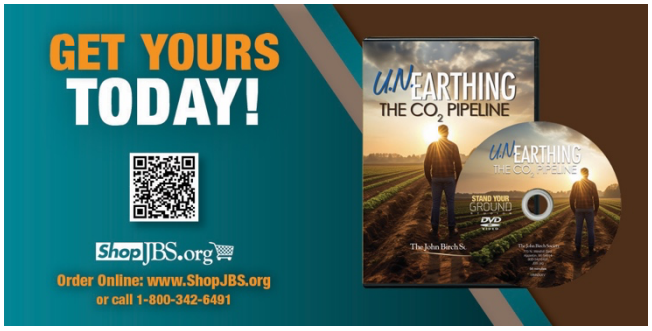
than has been the case in recent years. Following an executive order promising to "make Argentina great again," it was announced that prospective immigrants would need to reside in Argentina uninterruptedly for two years, in addition to investing a substantial amount in the country (in contrast to relatively lax immigration standards allowing foreigners to obtain Argentine residency without even residing continuously in the country).

Argentines have responded with approval, with Milei's popularity continuing to soar. In local elections in the city of Buenos Aires last week, Milei's party La Libertad Avanza (Liberty Advances) led all other parties with more than 30 percent of the vote — beating out the Peronists by three percentage points. The win allows Milei's party to take control of 11 out of 30 total seats in the City Legislature, and suggests that Milei's movement is transforming into a bona fide political force that will continue to transform Argentina for the better. — Steve Bonta

China Tests "Unhackable" Cryptography System

China announced that it has just successfully tested the first-ever quantum cryptography system — and that it is "unhackable." According to an article in *Interesting Engineering*:

> The China Telecom Quantum Group announced last week the launch of the world's first self-proclaimed distributed cryptography system that combines two core technologies. The company also declared that it had completed the world's first cross-regional quantum-encrypted phone call using this system, covering a distance of more than 600 miles between Beijing and Hefei.



> Combining two advanced approaches, the system uses Quantum Key Distribution to securely transmit encryption keys via quantum mechanics and Post-Quantum Cryptography to protect data using complex mathematical algorithms….
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> The China Telecom Quantum Group also stated that this combination creates an end-to-end quantum-secure architecture designed for key applications like real-time communication, data protection, and trusted identity authentication.

In other words, the Chinese have figured out how to harness the nascent power of quantum computing to create an encryption system that is essentially unbreakable. And, as is typical with Chinese infrastructure, the project is moving forward very rapidly:

> China Telecom has established quantum metropolitan area networks in 16 major Chinese cities, including Hefei, Shanghai, Beijing, and Guangzhou. These networks create a nationwide, cross-regional backbone for quantum-secure communication, placing China among the global leaders in quantum security. Notably, the Hefei Quantum network stands out as the largest and most advanced quantum network of its kind in the world.
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> With eight core nodes and 159 access points covering approximately 713 miles of quantum key distribution fiber, the network currently serves around 500 government agencies and 380

> state-owned enterprises. It aims to leverage the principles of quantum mechanics and ensure encryption that is virtually unbreakable.

While many of the capabilities of China are routinely exaggerated by fawning Western media elites — the power of Chinese military assets or the strength of the Chinese economy, for example — there is no question that China, with its immense population and large reservoir of tech and scientific talent, poses a legitimate challenge to American leadership in all things STEM. The successful development of an unbreakable quantum encryption system, if true, would italicize this challenge. — Steve Bonta

Net Zero's Heavy Lift: *700 Million Tons* of Copper?

Oops! The "Net Zero" crowd just got *another* reality check. According to the climate cult, we must have a massive switch over to "renewable" energy by 2030 and a complete switch to renewables 2050 to avert a climate apocalypse. But, there are more than a few small problems. For instance, where are we going to get the metals needed for the Net Zero holy grail?

Dr. Roger Pielke, Jr. cites a new study published in *The Bulletin of the Geological Survey of Finland* that throws a lot of cold water on the warmists' Net Zero schemes. Writing in his blog, The Honest Broker, Dr. Pielke notes:

> More than 7,000 years ago, humans first began mining copper. Since then, humans have mined more than 700 million tonnes. According to a fascinating study of the metals requirements of a net zero energy transition, the world will need to produce *another* 700 million tonnes of copper over the next 22 years.

700 million tonnes of copper over the next 22 years? How likely is that? Pielke's article features "data and incredibly informative tables and figures" from the 296-page study. Politicians and policy wonks, please pay attention to the meticulous scientific research of the Geological Survey of Finland before you inflict any more Net Zero damage on us! As Dr. Pielke concludes, "Bottom line: Always do the math — You might be surprised what you learn about what was previously assumed."

And the copper deficiency reported above is only part of the story, as we have been pointing out in *The New American* for decades. Even some of the Ivy League double-domes and regime media outlets are belatedly acknowledging the hard truth about the crazily unrealistic "green" energy claims and the eco-unfriendly nature of the supposedly "clean" alternative energy sources.

Take, for instance, the 2021 *Harvard International Review* article titled "Not So 'Green' Technology: The Complicated Legacy of Rare Earth Mining," which provides a sobering assay of the enormous demand for rare earth elements (REEs) and other minerals for the green hobby-horses of the eco-zealots. The *HIR* journal notes:

> REEs describe the 15 lanthanides on the periodic table (La-Lu), plus Scandium (Sc) and Yttrium (Y). Contrary to what the name suggests, REEs are abundant in the earth's crust. The catch is that they come in low concentrations in minerals, and even when found, they are hard to separate from other elements, which is what makes them "rare." Perhaps these elements also get their name from being rarely discussed, even though everything from the iPhone to the Tesla electric engine to LED lights use REEs. Demand for these elements is projected to spike in coming years as governments, organizations, and individuals increasingly invest in clean energy. An electric car requires six times the mineral inputs of a conventional car, and a wind plant

requires nine times more minerals than a gas-fired plant. With current estimates, demand for REEs could increase six-fold by 2040. Lithium and cobalt demand could increase ten to twenty times by 2050 because of electric cars. Demand for dysprosium and neodymium is estimated to increase seven to twenty-six times over the next 25 years as a result of electric vehicles and wind turbines. But REEs also have grim prospects: the way companies extract REEs largely damages communities and contaminates surrounding areas.

See here, here, here, here, and here for a partial sampling of *The New American's* coverage of the REE crisis and related issues years ahead of the "mainstream" media and academia.

And for Net Zero see:

Net Zero? BTW, What *is It?*

TNA VIDEO: "Net Zero" is Dangerous… and Impossible: Chemist

Three More Banks Ditch UN-backed Net-zero Scheme

Back to Energy's Future?

– William F. Jasper

South African Genocide: Trump Confronts Ramaphosa

On May 21, President Trump held a televised White House meeting with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa in which he confronted Ramaphosa with evidence of persecution and genocide against white farmers in South Africa. Trump played a montage of video clips for Ramaphosa and flipped through a stack of printed news stories on the violence and racial attacks South Africa's Boers (white farmers) are facing. Ramaphosa downplayed the issue, claiming it's just ordinary criminal activity and that black South Africans are the main victims, not whites. Ramaphosa, who identifies as a "committed socialist," has a long record with the Communist Party of South Africa (although he is not publicly a member) and is closely connected to Xi Jinping and the communist parties of China, Cuba, Vietnam, and Cambodia (see here and here).

Here are additional stories, out of many we have published over the years, exposing the horrible reality on the ground in South Africa:

The Comrades' Necklace

"Saint" Mandela? Not So Fast!

Mayor Linda versus Mandela

Amid Racist Land Grabs, Obama Praises South African Strongman

New South African President to Follow Zimbabwean Redistribution Model

South African Communists' Friends in High Places

Media Leftists Melt Down Over Afrikaner Refugees Who Landed in U.S.

Contrary to Ramaphosa's assurances and the media coverup, all evidence points to a serious escalation in the planned white genocide in South Africa. — William F. Jasper

Why Only Congress Can Suspend Habeas Corpus and Why It Protects All Persons, Not Just Citizens

There is no more foundational principle in our Anglo-American constitutional tradition than the writ of *habeas corpus*. It is the great shield of liberty — the "palladium of justice" — that stands between the individual and the all-consuming maw of state power. And yet, like so many other sacred bulwarks of our freedom, it is now under assault not only from those on the radical Left, but from self-professed conservatives who claim that the president — so long as Congress later nods in agreement

— can suspend the writ at will. That claim is not only wrong; it is *dangerously wrong*, constitutionally illiterate, and historically ignorant.

Let us set the record straight, once and for all: The president of the United States has no constitutional authority — zero, none, zilch — to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* under any circumstance. The Constitution is emphatic and exclusive on this point. Article I, Section 9, Clause 2 states: "The privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it."

That clause appears in Article I, which governs *legislative*, not executive, power. That was no accident. The Framers, fresh off a revolution against arbitrary executive rule, deliberately placed this authority in the hands of Congress and not the president. Why? Because allowing a president — who commands the army, navy, and now drones and databases — to detain people without judicial review is a recipe for tyranny, one the Founders knew all too well from the abuses of kings and colonial governors.

In *The Federalist*, No. 84, Alexander Hamilton, no friend of anarchy, praised the writ of *habeas corpus* as one of "the greatest securities to liberty and republicanism." Yet now we're supposed to believe that the very branch of government most prone to despotism can cast aside this protection at will, so long as Congress gives a wink and a nod after the fact?

This theory — that the president can act first and Congress can clean it up later — rips the very heart out of separation of powers. It creates a Frankenstein hybrid of branches, where the executive seizes power and the legislature merely blesses it after the fact. This is nothing less than a betrayal of republican government and a march toward executive monarchy. Such a theory would allow the president to suspend the writ, detain whomever he chooses, for however long he pleases, and then simply wait for Congress to give him cover. That's not a safeguard — that's a fig leaf for despotism.

And let's be clear: The Constitution provides no such allowance. There is no language that permits retroactive

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suspension of fundamental rights. If Congress does not suspend the writ *in advance*, during a duly declared rebellion or invasion, and if the public safety does not *require* it, then any such suspension — whether by the president or Congress — is unconstitutional.

As Justice Taney wrote in *Ex parte Merryman* (1861), when Abraham Lincoln took it upon himself to suspend the writ, "The Constitution of the United States is a law for rulers and people, equally in war and in peace … and no one is above its provisions."

Taney, a man no one would mistake for a radical libertarian, had the backbone to call out a sitting president for seizing power he was never granted. Today, we need that same moral clarity, not partisan cowardice.

Now let's deal with the second lie: that *habeas corpus* applies only to U.S. citizens. This claim is not just wrong — it is a willful perversion of constitutional text and history.

The Fifth Amendment provides:

"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

The 14th Amendment echoes the same:

"…nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

Not "citizen." *Person*. That language was chosen deliberately to ensure that all human beings under the jurisdiction of the United States would enjoy the protection of the law against unlawful imprisonment.

In *Boumediene v. Bush* (2008), the Supreme Court confirmed that even non-citizens held at Guantanamo Bay had the right to petition for *habeas corpus*. Writing for the majority, Justice Kennedy reminded the country that "The laws and Constitution are designed to survive, and remain in force, in extraordinary times."

Indeed. That's the whole point of constitutional government — to restrain power when it is most tempted to overreach.

The enemies of *habeas corpus* would turn the Constitution on its head. They would permit presidents to lock up individuals on mere suspicion, shielded from court review, simply because those individuals are not citizens. That was precisely the tactic used by every despot the Founders despised. Citizenship cannot be the measure of due process. If it were, the government could label anyone — journalists, dissidents, or political opponents — as "non-citizens" and detain them indefinitely. That road leads to Guantanamo at home, not abroad.

The Constitution is not a menu of conveniences for presidents or a list of privileges reserved for the politically protected. It is a legal covenant that binds government in all its forms and secures the liberty of all persons under its jurisdiction.

So let the would-be tyrants and their apologists gnash their teeth and bellow about national security. Let them wave flags while trampling the parchment of liberty. But as for us, let us stand where the Framers stood: on the firm ground of due process, separation of powers, and the inviolability of *habeas corpus*.

Because if we surrender the writ, we surrender the Republic. And I, for one, will not go quietly into that dark night of unchecked executive power. — Joe Wolverton II, J.D.

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